

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 7, 13, and 18 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-27 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

In section 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bodony et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,751). The Examiner indicates that Bodony et al. teaches a coupler 714 for coupling the flexible electronic display 706 to the host device 713. Applicants disagree with the Examiner's interpretation. The coupler 714 is an external input/output port which is used for coupling a variety of accessory devices to CPU 702. The display screen 706 is coupled directly to a central bus 710. The coupler in Applicants' independent claim 1 is for coupling the flexible electronic display to the host device. This coupler is not disclosed or taught by Bodony et al. as the Examiner has described. Additionally, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite "a transceiver coupled to the processor." Also, claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein the transceiver receives information from the host device when the display is decoupled from the coupler, and images are provided on the display based on the information." Bodony et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest the use of the flexible display when it is decoupled from the host device. Accordingly, independent claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Bodony et al. and independent claim 1 and its respective dependent claims are therefore allowable.

In section 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 18, 20-21, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Katsura (U.S. Patent No. 6,377,324). The Examiner indicates that the display area 4 of Katsura, when folded is still a viewing area although it cannot be viewed by a user. Thus, the Examiner states that as broadly read Katsura anticipates both independent claims 18 and 24. Applicants have amended independent claim 18 to clarify that Applicants' invention is to have an expandable display in which the viewing area may be viewed by a user when in a folded position or when in an expanded position. Applicants have added the requisite language "wherein a user may view images on the viewing area when the display assembly is folded and when the display assembly is expanded." Katsura does not disclose, teach, or suggest the use or implementation of such a display. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 18, as amended, and its respective dependent claims are therefore allowable.

With regard to independent claim 24, Applicants disagree with the Examiner's rejection. Applicants have claimed "viewing an image on an unenlarged viewing area of a flexible display," and further "viewing an image in the enlarged viewing area." Thus, Applicants' method is not anticipated by Katsura because Katsura does not disclose, teach, or suggest viewing an image on an unenlarged viewing area of flexible display and then also viewing an image in the enlarged viewing area of the flexible display. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 4 and its dependent claims are therefore allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

In section 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3, 7, 9-10, 13, 15, and 25 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodony in view of Katsura (U.S. Patent No. 6,37,324). With regard to independent claim 7, Applicants have amended independent claim 7 to require "a flexible display screen assembly, the flexible display screen assembly having a first viewing area providing images that are viewable by a user when coupled to the coupler and expandable to provide a second larger viewing area providing images viewable by the user, at least when decoupled from the coupler." Neither Bodony nor Katsura discloses, teaches, or

suggests, alone or in any proper combination that the flexible display screen provides images to a user both when in a folded and when in an expanded state. And further provides images on the second larger viewing area at least when decoupled from the coupler. Accordingly, independent claim 7, as amended, is not obvious over Bodony in view of Katsura. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 7 and its respective dependent claims are therefore allowable.

With regard to independent claim 13, independent claim 13 has been amended to include “a transceiver coupled to the processor,” and “wherein the transceiver receives information from the host device when the display is decoupled from the coupler, and images are provided on the display based on the information.” Applicants respectfully submit that neither Bodony nor Katsura disclose, teach, or suggest communicating information from the host device to the display when the display is decoupled from the host device and providing images on the display based on the information communicated to the display. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 13 and its respective dependent claims are therefore allowable.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers

submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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